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25th Annual Ship Finance Forum NYC

Trends & Tactics for 2025

Once undercapitalized and opportunistic, the industry's balance sheet has become fortress strong.

What does it mean for shipowning and ship finance?

8:00 Registration Opens

Continental Breakfast available - The Gallery

8:55 Conference Convenes – The Forum

9:00 Chairman's Welcome

Ted Jadick Jr., President & CEO, DNB Markets, Inc.

9:05 White Swans or Black Swans: What to Expect in 2025

From potential de-escalation in worldwide tensions to changes in political regimes, increased tariffs, labor strikes, falling interest rates and weakening oil and USD, 2025 will keep market players on their toes!

9:20 Investment Strategies in a Strong Shipping Market

Managing business growth in a cyclically high shipping market presents both opportunities and challenges. In this session, a mélange of maritime dealmakers shares their strategies for seizing opportunities while managing the risk.

Nicholas Gleeson, CFO, ADNOC Logistics & Services

John C. Wobensmith, CEO, Genco Shipping & Trading Limited

Pavel A. Chernyshov, Co-Founder & Director, Arkview Capital

Moderator

Jim Cirenza, Managing Director, Investment Banking, ECM, DNB Markets Inc.

9:55 TBD

10:10 The Start-up Dream is Still Alive: Christopher Fjeld, CEO, Fjeld Shipping

Many young entrepreneurs dream of becoming a shipowner - and Christopher Fjeld has done it. His inspiring story is a reminder that with hard work and positive thinking, a new generation of privately owned companies is one S&P deal away from creation!

10:30 Networking Break – The Gallery

11:10 Decarbonization - Today's Best Opportunities for Owners & Investors

11:35 Mergers & Acquisitions – Recent Transactions and Outlook for 2025

Maritime activity has been robust in recent years across many shipping sectors. In this session, a leading M&A advisor talks about the drivers for the surge in recent strategic deals, and whether the robust environment will continue in the year ahead – why or why not.

Mark K. Friedman, Senior Managing Director, Evercore

11:55 Value Hunting with a 5th Generation Shipowner: Nicolaus Bunnemann

AL Group (Asiatic/Atlantic Lloyd) originates from the shipping activities of the Bunnemann Family, which were set up in the town of Bremen, Germany in 1857. Now in the fifth generation and run by twin brothers Nicolaus and Friedrich Bunnemann, the company is more active and diversified than ever, buying and selling container vessels, car carriers, tankers and bulkers. The question is...what's next for these German "relative value" hunters?

Mr. Bunnemann in conversation with Dr. Stefan Rindfleisch, Partner, Ehlermann Rindfleisch Gadow

12:15 Deconstructing the Dark Fleet: What Owners, Charterers and Financiers Need to Know

From oil to LNG: mapping the flow of commodities, interpreting the impact on markets and understanding exactly which ships are circumventing sanctions.

Kevin Kinnee, U.S. National Security Liaison Officer, Kpler



Morning Breakout Session 9:00 am - 12:50 pm HUB One

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The 2024 Marine Money Ship Finance Academy is a half-day morning program, running parallel to the main session, designed to help new entrants to the ship finance business quickly learn the most important aspects of the business in a focused and collegial environment. This is a unique opportunity for training, with most of the sessions taught by veteran ship finance partners at Holland & Knight. Seating is limited. RSVP to LParsons@marinemoney.com

Full Academy agenda coming soon.

12:35 From Third Mate to Leading CEO: From the Land to the Sea with Lois K. Zabrocky

Lois Zabrocky, President and CEO of International Seaways has had a remarkable career in commodity shipping. After graduating from the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Ms. Zabrocky began sailing as third mate aboard a U.S. flag chemical tanker. Throughout her 30 year career, she has played a variety of key commercial roles in U.S. and foreign flag crude, product and LNG tankers. She is a leader in crew welfare, decarbonization and investor transparency.

Ms. Zabrocky in conversation with Robert Bugbee, President, Scorpio Tankers

1:00 Networking Buffet Lunch – The Gallery

2:10 Who's in the Mood for Ship Finance? The CFOs!

No one know what's happening in the ship finance market better than the CFOs who are constantly being pitched by commercial bankers, investment bankers and deal brokers. In this session, hear what they find most intriguing.

- Newbuildings: existential necessity or bubble-market crazy talk?
- Diversification of Funding Sources –how much is enough?
- Investment in Energy Saving Decides

 Which Ones Have the Best IRRs?
- Dividends and Share Buybacks Do They Really Boost Valuation?

Ted Young, CFO & Treasurer, Dorian LPG Ltd.

Peter Allen, CFO, Genco Shipping & Trading Limited Bart Kelleher, CFO & President, Ardmore Shipping Corporation Jeff Pribor, CFO & SVP, International Seaways

Moderator

Andrew Shohet, SVP, Head of Ocean Industries North America, DNB Bank

2:40 Capital Markets - Recent Transactions & Trends

From "all share" M&A transactions to owners pivoting from one exchange to another to a growing pipeline of IPOs, get updated on shipping and the capital markets.

3:05 In Focus: John Michael Radziwill, CEO, C Transport Maritime (CTM)

John Michael Radziwill has brought the skills, spirit and values of his family's traditional shipping family into the capital markets. After raising equity from top-tier institutional investors like CarVal and Fidelity, he listed GoodBulk on the Oslo Stock Exchange and then helped this investors exit. Now that investment cycle has been successfully completed, hear what he's learned about the relationship between "old school shipping" and capital markets.

Mr. Radziwill in conversation with Kurt Plankl, Partner, Seward & Kissel LLP

Refreshments available all afternoon at the three Nourish Stations

3:25 Around the World in Shipping Credit (and equity, too!)

With liquidity abundant, lenders are finding creative ways to serve the needs of shipowners. In this session, we hear what's on the mind of a medley of credit funds, leasing companies and commercial banks: From portfolio M&A to the establishment of new platforms.

Frithiof A. Wilhelmsen, Managing Director, Shipping Finance, Macquarie Group

Nicolai Heidenreich, CEO, NRP Maritime Asset Management AS

Ali Ben Lmadani, CEO, ABL Corporation

Philipp Wünschmann, Head of Shipping, Berenberg

Speaker TBA

Moderator

Dylan Potter, Partner, Vedder Price LLP

3:55 Investing in the U.S. Markets: Strategies & Structures for Foreign Owners

As cash-rich international shipowners seek to expand and diversify their businesses, the U.S. Markets present an attractive alternative. Learn how it can be done.

Christopher K. Ulfers, Partner, Jones Walker LLP

4:10 The Future of Everything

Has the shipping industry fundamentally changed as a result of its unprecedented financial strength and the disciplined management of leading companies, or is this just another cycle? Industry leaders discuss the dynamics and potential implications of an evolving industry.

Ted Jadick Jr., President & CEO, DNB Markets, Inc.

Paul Leand Jr., CEO, AMA Capital Partners LLC

Jake Scott, Managing Partner, Clear Ocean Partners

Andrian Dacy, CEO & CIO, Global Transport Group, JPMorgan Asset

Management

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Steven J. Hollander, Partner, Watson Farley & Williams LLP

4:45 Conference Closing Remarks

5:00 Post Conference Networking Cocktail Reception in The Gallery until 6:30 pm
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